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Decided: September 24, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34232]

#### Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.— Lease Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. (K&O), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company 27 miles of rail line located between milepost 485.0, at Newton, KS, and milepost 512.0, at McPherson, KS. K&O will be the operator of the line.

Because K&O's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, K&O certified to the Board on July 11, 2002, that it had sent the required notice of the transaction to the national offices of all labor unions representing employees on the line on July 10, 2002, and that it had posted a copy of the notice at the workplace of employees on the affected lines on June 28, 2002. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after September 17, 2002 (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed and more than 60 days after K&O's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e)).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34232, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925

K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: September 23, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 587]

#### Information Quality Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of final guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is adopting Information Quality Guidelines (I.Q. Guidelines). The I.Q. Guidelines contain the Board's information resource management procedures for reviewing and substantiating the quality of information before it is disseminated to the public, and the procedures by which an affected person may obtain correction of information disseminated by the Board that does not comply with the I.Q. Guidelines.

**DATES:** The Board's I.Q. Guidelines are effective October 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John M. Atkisson (202) 565-1710. (Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) (Hearing Impaired): (800) 877-8339.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By decision served April 1, 2002, and published in the **Federal Register** on the same date (67 FR 15450), the Board initiated this proceeding and sought comments from interested parties on the Board's draft I.Q. Guidelines. The draft I.Q. Guidelines have been revised in response to comments received from interested parties. A frequent user of the Board's Reading Room misunderstood the scope of the I.Q. Guidelines, prompting us to specify with greater particularity which information is subject to them. General comments on other agencies' guidelines from the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness led to amplification of our procedure for making corrections in the event erroneous information is disseminated by the Board. In addition, the draft I.Q.

Guidelines have been revised in response to suggestions of the Office of Management and Budget.

The Board's final I.Q. Guidelines are posted on the Board's Web site, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov). Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of this decision, containing the I.Q. Guidelines, may be purchased from Da-2-Da Legal Copy Service, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 293-7776, [da2dalegal@earthlink.net](mailto:da2dalegal@earthlink.net).

**Authority:** Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554; 114 Stat. 2763).

Decided: October 1, 2002.

By the Board, John M. Atkisson,  
Designated Official.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Engraving and Printing

#### Senior Executive Service Combined Performance Review Board (PRB)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department.

**ACTION:** Notice of members of Combined Performance Review Board (PRB).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Combined PRB for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Financial Management Service, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of the Public Debt. The Board reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the level of bureau head and principal deputy in the four bureaus, except for executives below the Assistant Commissioner level in the Financial Management Service. The Board makes recommendations regarding proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions.

**Composition of Combined PRB:** The Board shall consist of at least three voting members. In case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the Combined PRB members are as follows:

#### Primary Members

Joel C. Taub, Associate Director  
(Management), E&P

Frederick A. Pyatt, Assistant  
Commissioner (Office of Investor  
Services), PD  
Jay M. Weinstein, Associate Director &  
CFO, Mint  
Scott Johnson, Assistant Commissioner  
(Management)/CFO, FMS

#### Alternate Members

Gregory D. Carper, Associate Director  
(Chief Financial Officer), E&P  
Cynthia Z. Springer, Assistant  
Commissioner (Office of Information  
Technology), PD  
Bradford E. Cooper, Associate Director  
for Manufacturing, Mint  
Judith Tillman, Assistant Commissioner  
(Financial Operations), FMS

**DATES:** Membership is effective on  
September 25, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel  
C. Taub, Associate Director  
(Management), Bureau of Engraving and  
Printing, 14th and C Sts, SW.,  
Washington DC 20228, (202) 874-2040.

This notice does not meet the  
Department's criteria for significant  
regulations.

**Joel C. Taub,**

*Associate Director (Management), Bureau of  
Engraving and Printing.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

##### Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as  
Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue  
Service by the General Counsel of the  
Department of the Treasury by General  
Counsel Order No. 21 (Rev. 4), pursuant  
to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have  
appointed the following persons to the  
Legal Division Performance Review  
Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Emily A. Parker, Deputy  
Chief Counsel (Operations)
2. Gary B. Wilcox, Deputy Chief Counsel  
(Technical)
3. Thomas R. Thomas, Deputy Division  
Counsel (Small Business/Self-  
Employed)
4. Joseph F. Maselli, Area Counsel,  
Division Counsel (Large & Mid-Size  
Business)
5. Heather C. Maloy, Associate Chief  
Counsel (Passthroughs & Special  
Industries)
6. Sarah Hall Ingram, Associate Chief  
Counsel/Division Counsel (Tax  
Exempt and Government Entities).

This publication is required by 5  
U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: September 16, 2002.

**B. John Williams, Jr.,**

*Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Final Information Quality Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Office of Information and  
Technology, Department of Veterans  
Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** These final guidelines  
implement section 515 of the Treasury  
and General Government  
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001  
(Pub. L. 106-554; H.R. 5658). Section  
515 directs the Office of Management  
and Budget (OMB) to issue government-  
wide guidelines that provide policy and  
procedural guidance to Federal agencies  
for ensuring and maximizing the  
quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity  
of information (including statistical  
information) disseminated by Federal  
agencies. By October 1, 2002, agencies  
must issue their own implementing  
guidelines that include an  
administrative mechanism allowing  
affected persons to seek and obtain  
correction of information maintained  
and disseminated by the agency that  
does not comply with agency and OMB  
guidelines.

**DATES:** Effective date: October 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Kenneth Little, Office of Information  
and Technology, Department of  
Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC  
20420. Telephone (202) 273-8051 or by  
e-mail to [515.POCS@mail.va.gov](mailto:515.POCS@mail.va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA has  
developed guidelines for reviewing and  
substantiating (by documentation or  
other means selected by the agency) the  
quality (including the objectivity,  
utility, and integrity) of information  
before it is disseminated. In addition,  
VA has established administrative  
correction procedures allowing affected  
persons to seek and obtain, where  
appropriate, correction of information  
disseminated by VA that does not  
comply with OMB or VA guidelines. VA  
will apply these standards with  
flexibility in a manner appropriate to  
the nature and timeliness of information  
to be disseminated and incorporate  
them into existing VA information  
resources management and  
administrative practices.

The guidelines are also available at  
[www.va.gov/oirm/s515](http://www.va.gov/oirm/s515).

Dated: September 25, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

##### Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated By VA

#### I. Introduction

The Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) required VA to prepare guidelines to  
ensure the quality of information  
disseminated by the Department. This is in  
response to Section 515 requirements of the  
Treasury and General Government  
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001  
(Pub. L. 106-554; H.R. 5658). Section 515  
directed OMB to issue Government-wide  
guidelines that provided policy and  
procedural guidance to Federal agencies for  
issuing their own guidelines for ensuring the  
quality of disseminated information.

The guidelines contained herein will apply  
flexible, appropriate, and timely quality  
standards to the review and substantiation of  
data and information before it is  
disseminated to the public. They will be  
incorporated into existing VA information  
resources management and administrative  
practices and will include an administrative  
procedure to allow affected persons to seek  
and obtain corrected information. VA will  
report annually, beginning January 1, 2004,  
to the Director of OMB, the number and  
nature of complaints received and the  
resolutions issued.

These guidelines are subject to the  
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. Chapter 35); OMB Circular A-130;  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C.  
552); the Computer Security Act of 1987; and  
VA Directive 6102, Internet/Intranet Services.

#### II. Policy

VA will ensure and maximize the quality,  
objectivity, utility, and integrity of  
information it disseminates to the public. VA  
will take appropriate steps to incorporate  
information quality criteria into its  
information dissemination practices, and will  
ensure that the quality of disseminated  
information is consistent with VA's and  
OMB's performance standards. Additional  
levels of quality standards may be adopted as  
appropriate for specific categories of  
information.

#### III. Implementation

Except for those categories of information  
that are specifically exempted from coverage,  
(see section C, Exceptions), these guidelines  
apply to all information disseminated by VA  
and VA initiated or sponsored dissemination  
of information by VA grantees, contractors, or  
cooperators on or after October 1, 2002,  
regardless of when the information was first  
disseminated.

VA's Assistant Secretary for Information  
and Technology/Chief Information Officer  
(CIO) serves as the Department official  
charged with oversight of these guidelines.  
VA officials are responsible for distributing  
these guidelines and any modifications  
hereafter to appropriate offices within their  
organizations.